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SUBJECT: SHILO SETTLEMENT

REF: TEL AVIV 1593

1. AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY, WE WOULD LIKE YOU
TO RAISE AGAIN WITH BEGIN SUBJECT OF THE GUSH EMUNIM SETTLE-
MENT AT SHILO. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHAT IS EXPLAINED BY
HIS EXPLANATION REFTEL.

2. YOU SHOULD SAY TO BEGIN THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARN-
ING WHAT FURTHER HE PROPOSES TO DO ABOUT GUSH SETTLERS WHO,
AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, HAVE MADE CLEAR THEIR DETERMINATION TO
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ESTABLISH PERMANENT SETTLEMENT. APPARENTLY, ONLY ACTION SO
FAR IS TO MOVE THEM FROM PRIVATELY-OWNED ARAB LAND TO STATE-
OWNED LAND AT THE SAME SITE. IN YOUR EARLIER CONVERSATION
WITH BEGIN (TEL AVIV 1240) HE IS CITED AS SAYING THAT HE
"WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO USE 'PERSUASION' TO GET THEM TO
LEAVE." HOW DOES THIS SQUARE WITH HIS STATEMENT REFTEL

THAT HE HAS ONLY PERSUADED THEM TO CHANGE LOCATIONS WITHIN
THE SITE? ESTABLISHMENT OF GUSH EMUNIM GROUP OF AVOWED
SETTLERS FOR INDEFINITE FUTURE, WHETHER AS ARCHEOLOGISTS OR
IN ANY OTHER GUISE, IS VERY HARD TO DISTINGUISH FROM A NEW

CIVILIAN SETTLEMENT. FURTHER, IN LIGHT DAYAN'S PUBLIC
CONFIRMATION RECENTLY THAT GOI HAD, IN FACT, AGREED WITH
US THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE CIVILIAN SETTLEMENTS
ESTABLISHED THROUGH OCTOBER 1978, WE WOULD LIKE TO
UNDERSTAND HOW SHILO ACTIVITIES CORRESPOND TO THAT
COMMITMENT, GIVEN DECLARED INTENTION OF THOSE INVOLVED
TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT SETTLEMENT.

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